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FOREST VISITORS MAP WITH 1984 TRAVEL PLAN REVISIONS

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

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FOREST SERVICE
RECREATION SITES

COLLINS										
DEER CREEK										
ELKHORN										
MERRIMAC										
PIKES GULCH										
TOWNSEND										
WILLIAMS										

OTHER RECREATION SITES

BAUGH BAY										
BEAVER CREEK										
BLUE BANK										
CAVE BAY										
CRAIG FERRY ISLAND										
CRANBERRY GULCH										
CRYSTAL SPRINGS CHURCH										
CUTTY HANCE										
DEARBORN										
DEVILS KITCHEN										
DEVILS SLIDE										
DEVILTHUMB HOTSPRINGS										
FORT BAKER										
HELL GATE										
HOLTER DAM										
HOLTER LAKE										
INDIAN CREEK										
JEFFERSON										
JUNIPER										
LAKE HELENA										
LAKESIDE										
LINDELL SPRINGS										
MAGDONNA DOWN										
ORCHARDS										
PARKINSON										
PONDEROSA										
REDALA PINES RESERVOIR										
RIVERSIDE										
SHANNON										
SILOS										
SMITH RIVER										
TOSTI LAKES										
TOSTI CAMPGROUND										
WHITE EARTH										

POINTS OF INTEREST

	Symbols
BEARTOOTH GAME MANAGEMENT AREA	
CANYON FERRY LAKE	
CLANCY	
GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS	
GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS GAME PRESERVE	
GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS	
HOLTER DAM	
IRON MOUNTAIN	
MONTANA STATE CANYON	

TRAVEL PLAN LEGEND

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	Oct. 15 - May 15	Oct. 15 - May 15	Oct. 15 - May 15	Wildlife security and non-motorized recreation
	Yearlong	Yearlong	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30	Wildlife security
	Periodic	Periodic	Periodic	National forest timing range

ROUTE RESTRICTIONS

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	Sep. 1 - Jun. 30	Sep. 1 - Jun. 30	Sep. 1 - Jun. 30	Facility protection
	Yearlong	Yearlong	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30	Wildlife security

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HELENA NATIONAL FOREST TRAVEL PLAN

Effective October 1, 1984, until otherwise amended or rescinded.

Welcome to the public lands within and adjacent to the Helena National Forest, yours to use and enjoy for a variety of purposes. This Forest Visitors Map has been developed in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The map indicates areas where motor vehicle travel controls have been established so that users may enjoy public lands safely without damaging natural resources and without conflicting with other users. Please study the map and the travel restrictions for each area. Your understanding and observance of these travel restrictions will minimize the need for enforcement action.

3/28/84
Date

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Helena National Forest

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OFF-ROAD VEHICLE—a motorized vehicle capable of, or designed for, travel on or immediately over land, water or other natural terrain, including (but not limited to) 4-wheel drive vehicles, dune buggies, motorcycles, motorbikes, snowmobiles, amphibians, motorboats and air-cushion vehicles.

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(LINCOLN RANGER DISTRICT AND WESTERLY PART OF HELENA RANGER DISTRICT)

WHY IS THIS ROAD CLOSED?

And why are some routes of travel restricted on public lands? The reasons are not always well understood, especially when you encounter restrictions or closures unexpectedly. Here are the reasons:

Wildlife Habitat Protection—Many closures are for protection of critical areas where big game animals live. Such sensitive areas may include winter ranges, calving grounds or security areas. Some are closed seasonally. Others are often open to vehicle use at other times of the year when animals are less likely to be disturbed. On lakes, wake action and motorboat noise may harm aquatic life and shoal areas. The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks cooperates in the protective effort.

Water Quality and Erosion Control—some routes (roads or trails) are closed in wet weather, to eliminate rutting and other resource damage. This reduces erosion and the amount of sediment washed into streams. Sediment is a serious threat to trout spawning and rearing grounds. Maintenance costs are substantially reduced when routes are closed during wet conditions.

Public Safety—In some specific cases certain kinds of travel are prohibited to insure user safety. Even so, you should use caution on **every** route. Many have heavy traffic, others are on steep hillsides or are slippery when wet, and some have logging truck or other heavy equipment use.

Conflict of Use—In a few cases it is necessary to give preference to one use over another to resolve problems between competing user groups. It is not, of course, that there is enough opportunity elsewhere for the use prohibited. This is common between motorized and non-motorized forms of recreation where, for example, a popular horseback trail might also be frequented by motorbike riders, or where motorboats on small lakes might disturb campers.

Legal Mandates—some areas are given special protection by federal law. For example, you may not possess or operate any motorized equipment within an area classified by law as wilderness.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

TEMPORARY CLOSURES OR RESTRICTIONS

Temporary controls may be established when use would damage resources or would be hazardous. Public notice of temporary controls will be available at Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, or Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices having jurisdiction of the areas or routes. These areas/routes will be posted on the ground and/or gated when controls are in effect.

TEMPORARY EXCEPTIONS

Where off-route travel is prohibited, direct access to temporary campsites within 300 feet of designated routes is permitted. Please select your routes carefully. Try to avoid damage to the land and streams. Do not cut live timber.

GAME RETRIEVAL

You may not travel in violation of designated travel restrictions on Helena National Forest lands to retrieve downed game. Contact the appropriate Forest Service office for restrictions on adjacent National Forest lands not covered by this plan. Consult Montana hunting regulations for game retrieval provisions on state and private lands.

OTHER ROUTES NOT SHOWN ON MAP

Some roads on National Forest lands may not be shown on this map. If they have locked gates, barriers or route closure devices on them, they are closed to all motor vehicles over 40 inches (1 meter) in total width.

DURING FOREST FIRE SEASON

Montana fire season, on both state-owned and federal lands, is from May 1 to September 30.

You are required to have a shovel and bucket when lighting campfires or warming fires in areas other than designated, improved campgrounds.

Motorcycles and pack-trains must carry a shovel and bucket unless traveling on federal or state highways or paved public roads.

When operating a power saw you must have an eight-ounce liquid-chemical or one-pound dry-chemical fire extinguisher and a shovel in your immediate possession. The saw must have a screen-type spark arrestor installed.

All vehicles must be equipped with baffle-type mufflers and tail pipes or serviceable Forest Service-approved spark arresters.

SNOWMOBILES

Snowmobilers should not be operated on plowed roads. If you need to cross a plowed road, do so directly at a place with good sight distance.

Please avoid driving on or across a set cross-country ski track.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

Off-road travel on trails or across undeveloped country is subject to the obvious and inherent hazards associated with the type of travel and changing natural conditions. Individuals must be responsible for having proper skills, equipment, knowledge, and assuming the inherent risks.

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LEGAL MANDATES

The controls (closures and restrictions) covered under Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart B, Section 261, Subsections 261.53, 261.54, 261.55 and 261.56, apply to areas and routes (roads and trails) described on and within this Forest Visitors Map and Travel Plan during the periods shown, effective October 1, 1984 and until otherwise extended or rescinded. They are enforcement those in 36 CFR 261, Subpart A, and are issued under authority of Title 16 United States Code 551 and 36 CFR 261.50.

Violators of these regulations are subject to a fine of not more than FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00) or imprisonment for not more than SIX (6) MONTHS or both (16 USC 551).

The following are prohibited by 36 CFR 261.16 (16 USC 551) in a National Forest Wilderness: (a) possession or use of a motor vehicle, motorboat or motorized equipment, (b) possession or use of a hang glider or bicycle; and (c) landing of aircraft, or dropping or picking up of any material, supplies or person by means of aircraft, including a helicopter. The only exceptions to these prohibitions that may be made under circumstances specifically prescribed by the Chief of the Forest Service under provisions of 36 CFR 293.6.

Temporary exceptions to the above controls are authorized for any federal, state or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty, and any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by the Forest Service under a permit, license or contract.

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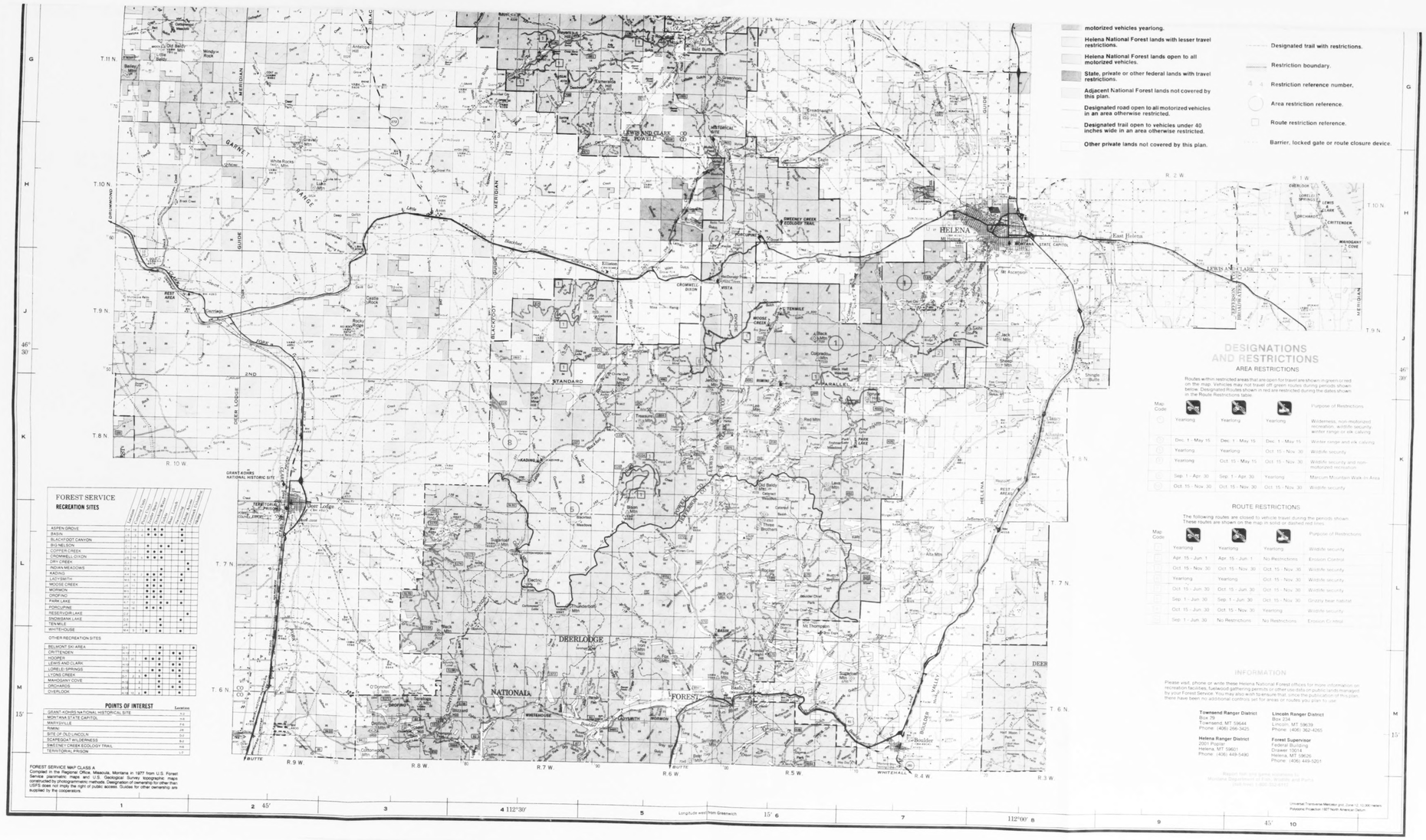

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	Oct. 15 - Jun. 30	Oct. 15 - Jun. 30	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30	Wildlife security
	Sep. 1 - Jun. 30	Sep. 1 - Jun. 30	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30	Grizzly bear habitat
	Oct. 15 - Jun. 30	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30	Yearlong	Wildlife security
	Sep. 1 - Jun. 30	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	Erosion Control

INFORMATION

Please visit, phone or write these Helena National Forest offices for more information on recreation facilities, fuelwood gathering permits or other use data on public lands managed by your Forest Service. You may also wish to ensure that, since the publication of this plan, there have been no additional controls set for areas or routes you plan to use.

Townsend Ranger District
Box 29
Townsend, MT 59644
Phone: (406) 266-3425

Helena Ranger District
2001 Poplar
Helena, MT 59601
Phone: (406) 449-5490

Lincoln Ranger District
Box 234
Lincoln, MT 59639
Phone: (406) 362-4265

Forest Supervisor
Federal Building
Drawer 10014
Helena, MT 59626
Phone: (406) 449-5201

Report fish and game violations to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Toll-free: 1-800-TIP-MONT

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FOREST SERVICE RECREATION SITES

	Camping	Picnicking	Swimming	Boating	Fishing	Hiking	Interpretive Services	Winter Sports	Hunting
ASPEN GROVE	D-4	18	●	●	●			●	
BASIN	D-3			●	●	●		●	
BLACKFOOT CANYON	D-3				●	●		●	
BIG NELSON	D-3			●	●	●			
COPPER CREEK	D-3	17		●	●	●		●	
CROWNWELL-DIXON	D-3	17		●	●	●		●	
DRY CREEK	D-3				●	●		●	
INDIAN MEADOWS	D-3				●			●	
KADING	D-4	17		●	●	●		●	
LADYSMITH	B-4			●	●	●		●	
MOOSE CREEK	D-3			●	●	●		●	
MORMON	B-4			●	●	●		●	
ORDINO	B-3			●	●	●		●	
PARK LAKE	D-3				●	●		●	
PORCUPINE	D-4	18		●	●	●		●	
RESERVOIR LAKE	D-3				●				
SNOWSLIDE LAKE	D-3				●			●	
TEN MILE	D-3	17			●			●	
WHITEHOUSE	D-4	17		●	●	●		●	

OTHER RECREATION SITES

BELMONT SKI AREA	D-3				●				●
CRITTENDEN	D-4				●	●	●		●
HOOPER	D-3	20		●	●	●	●		●
LEWIS AND CLARK	D-4				●	●	●		●
LORELEI SPRINGS	D-4	5			●	●	●		●
LYONS CREEK	D-3	21		●	●	●			●
MAHOGANY COVE	D-4	5			●	●			●
ORCHARDS	D-4				●	●	●		●
OVERLOOK	D-4	5		●	●	●			●

POINTS OF INTEREST

	Location
GRANT-KOHRS NATIONAL HISTORICAL SITE	H-3
MONTANA STATE CAPITOL	H-4
MARYSVILLE	F-4
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SCAPEGOAT WILDERNESS	B-2
SWEENEY CREEK ECOLOGY TRAIL	H-4
TERRITORIAL PRISON	I-3

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